Chehalis Flooding

Public Input Sought On <u>Draft Chehalis Basin Flood Mitigation Alternatives Report</u>

Written Comments Due Friday, August 10, 2012										

Are you concerned about flooding issues in the Chehalis Basin and potential solutions? If so then your input is needed by Friday, August 10, 2012.

At the direction of the Governor and Washington State Legislature, the William D. Ruckelshaus Center has prepared a draft report on alternative flood damage reduction projects for the Chehalis Basin. The purpose of the report is to provide decision-makers with key information on projects to reduce flood damage in the Basin. Projects covered in the draft report include:

- Water retention project (multi-purpose dam) on the mainstem Chehalis River upstream of Pe Ell.
- Improvements to the levee around the Chehalis-Centralia Airport.
- Flood walls to protect Interstate 5 in the Chehalis / Centralia Area.
- Raising/improving the US Army Corps of Engineers levee system around Centralia and Chehalis (the "Twin Cities Project").
- Other potential construction projects and programmatic approaches, such as land use planning, flood proofing, home elevations and buyouts, and livestock evacuation and sanctuary areas.

The final report is intended to be available in late August/early September.

Written comments are due Friday August 10, 2012 and should be sent to Melissa Kuehne at either melissa.kuehne@wsu.edu or by U.S. mail to Melissa Kuehne, Ruckelshaus Center (WSU West), 520 Pike Street (Suite 1101), Seattle, WA 98101.

Draft report is available for download at

http://ruckelshauscenter.wsu.edu/documents/Draft_Chehalis_Flood_Report_7-16-2012_000.pdf.



